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Comptroller's Rules and Regulations Manual
Applicable to
Consultant Service Agreements

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SECTION ONE: PURPOSE, SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

Purpose

The purpose of the Comptroller's Rules and Regulations Manual is to establish procedures for the reimbursement of expenditures for consultants under contract with the County.

Scope

The Comptroller's Rules and Regulations Manual applies to all consultant service agreements/contracts entered into by a County Department, County Agency, and by the Office of an Elected Official.

Definitions

The following definitions and distinctions apply to the Comptroller's Rules and Regulations Manual:

Consultant – The expertise, advice, professional services or any other personal services provided by any individual, corporation, partnership or other entity to the County of Suffolk, including, but not limited to, design work, planning work and medical, legal, engineering, computer, accounting, budgeting, lobbying or educational services. (Suffolk County Code, Chapter 189, Article XII, §189-60)

Consultant's Service Agreement (Agreement) – A legal document describing the specific services to be rendered by the consultant and the amount and terms of payment for the services to be made by the County. The Agreement shall constitute the sole authorization for payment of claims. The Agreement shall be prepared in accordance with the County Executive's Operating Procedures, SOP # I-05. Non-specific, general purpose or lump sum payment agreements are not recommended.

Allowable Claims – Only expenditures specifically identified in the Agreement will be approved for payment. Generally, the Agreement will stipulate a maximum fee for services rendered which is based upon a rate per day or per hour. Accordingly, a rate schedule is an integral part of each Agreement. Increases will only be allowed by an amendment to the Agreement. Out-of-pocket expenses are reimbursable if it is so stipulated in the Agreement.

Out of Pocket Expenses – If the following out-of-pocket expenses are stipulated in the agreement, please follow the following rules and guidelines:

Meals – Meals are reimbursable as long as it is authorized under the contract as sustenance while traveling. Effective October 1, 2014, the per diem meal allowance shall be in accordance with the current maximum reimbursement rate

for food as established by the U.S. General Services Administration for the New York region.

As published on the GSA website, <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100120>, the 2015 per day meal and incidental rate is \$71 per day including tax broken down as follows:

Meals and Incidental Expenses Breakdown:	
M&IE Total	\$71
Continental Breakfast/ Breakfast	\$12
Lunch	\$18
Dinner	\$36
Incidentals	\$ 5
First & Last Day of Travel	\$53.25
The first and last day of travel is calculated at 75 percent.	
Source: GSA U.S. General Services Administration Website http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/101518	

Audit and Control should be contacted for allowable rates for future fiscal periods. Gratuities, at a reasonable and customary rate will be reimbursed over and above the state limits.

The County will not honor claims for the reimbursement of “business meals” submitted by members of the consultant’s firm who are not traveling out of town (overnight) in performance of the contract. Where a consultant meets the necessary criteria to be reimbursed for meals, receipts will be necessary.

Lodging – Effective October 1, 2014, claims for lodging will be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed the current maximum reimbursement rate for lodging as established by the U.S. General Services Administration for the New York region as published on the GSA website. The County will pay the actual expenses up to the maximum amount of \$121 including taxes for lodging each day from October 2014 through September 2015. Claims for lodging must be accompanied by paid receipts. Audit and Control, Accounting Services Division should be contacted for the allowable rate for future fiscal periods.

Airfare – Airfare will only be reimbursed at the economy coach rate and a receipt will be necessary. Individuals choosing to fly first class will not be reimbursed for the premium expenses incurred. If you choose to fly first class, you must supply a copy of the cost for the economy ticket for the same flight.

Mileage – The County will reimburse mileage claims in accordance with the applicable current rate allowed by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. As of January 1, 2015, the rate is \$.575 per mile. The consultant must provide origin, destination and miles traveled for each trip. Audit and Control, Accounting Services Division should be contacted for the allowable rate for future fiscal periods.

Taxi and Limousine – Taxi fares up to \$25.00 do not require receipts; however, those in excess of \$25 per trip will require receipts. Receipts shall include origin and destination, as well as the purpose of the trip. Expenses must be itemized and signed on A & C Form 109.

Subways and Buses (local) – Expenses must be itemized and signed on A & C Form 109.

Tolls – Expenses must be itemized and signed on A & C Form 109.

Telephone Expenses – Telephone expenses up to \$25 do not require receipts; however, those in excess of \$25.00 will require copies of the telephone company bills with the appropriate calls circled. All expenses must be itemized and signed on A & C Form 109.

Photocopies – In lieu of a specific contract for photocopies, the County will reimburse at a cost not to exceed \$.15 per copy, including labor. Expenses must be itemized and signed on A & C Form 109.

Sub-Contractor claims – When the consultant is authorized in the Consultant's Agreement to hire a sub-contractor, the Comptroller's Office should be supplied a copy of the sub-contractor's agreement. Claims will not be processed if they are not in compliance with the contract between the consultant and the County. The reporting requirement of the sub-contractor will be the same as that of the consultant. Details of all expenditures claimed must be documented in the same manner. Proof of payment by the consultant to the sub-contractor must be submitted with the payment voucher before reimbursement to the consultant will be made.

SECTION TWO: CLAIM SUBMISSION

Claim Submission – Consultants must submit their claims for reimbursement through the County department or agency responsible for the agreement, using appropriate forms as indicated below.

Claim Voucher – A *County of Suffolk Standard Payment Voucher Form* (Exhibit A) must accompany each consultant claim. The claim voucher must refer to the consultant's agreement under which payment is requested and indicate the category of expenses or contract covenant applicable to the claim voucher. It must be initialed by the departmental unit representative under whose supervision or jurisdiction the work was performed, verifying that the consultant has complied with all the terms and conditions of the agreement under which payment is requested. The voucher must then be signed by the department head or his duly authorized representative and forwarded to the Department of Audit and Control for payment.

Consultant's Time Summary - A & C FORM 108 (Exhibit B) – The Consultant's Time Summary should be used to record daily hours worked by each staff member of the consultant working on the project. Space is provided to record and extend the hours and wages of each staff member assigned to the project on one form. The completed A & C FORM 108 must be signed by an authorized individual of the consultant's firm. It should then be attached to the County of Suffolk Standard Payment Voucher. A copy of the consultant's payroll register with a cover letter indicating the individuals charged to the project for the claim period will be accepted as a substitute for the Consultant's Time Summary.

Consultant's Expense Summary - A & C FORM 109 (Exhibit C) – The Consultant's Expense Summary should be used to detail expenses for travel, meals, lodging or other necessary and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred on the project. Each expense item should be documented by a receipted bill, sales slip or invoice which totals the daily expenditures shown on the form. The completed A & C FORM 109 must be signed by an authorized individual of the consultant's firm certifying that the expenses therein are true and just and have not been previously paid. It should then be attached to the County of Suffolk Standard Payment Voucher.

SECTION THREE: EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A

County of Suffolk, New York - Payment Voucher
 P.O. Box 6100, Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099 58-0105 1/89

Payment Voucher # **325707** Responsible Agency _____ Modify # _____

Document Total (Include Cents) _____

Vendor Code (10-1) _____

Ln (02)	Reference Document Cd (2) Number (11) Ln (2)	Com Ln # (3)	Invoices Number (12) Ln (3)	Fnd (3)	Agcy (3)	Orgn (4)	Sub Org (2)	Actv (4)	Obj (4)	Sub Obj (2)	Rept Cat (4)	Capital Project # (8)
Rev (4)	BS Acct (4)	Description (17)		Amount (Include Cents)							I/D	P/F
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Additional Comments

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the materials above specified have been received by me in good condition without substitution. The service properly performed and that the quantities thereof have been verified with the exceptions of discrepancies noted and payment is approved.

PAYEE CERTIFICATION: I certify that the above bill is just, true and correct; that no part thereof has been paid except as stated; that the balance is actually due and owing; that taxes from which the County is exempt are excluded and that I have read and am familiar with the provisions of Local Law 32-1980 as detailed in the payee instruction section of this voucher.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____ TITLE _____
 Form PV Original: Audit & Control

PAYEE'S SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____ NAME OF COMPANY _____
 Yellow Copy: Department Accounting

